

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 11, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 560, 2/24/2015; SB 83, 2/24/2015; SB 138, 2/24/2015;  
SB 152, 2/24/2015

00:00:01 Vice Chairman Salomon chaired the meeting in Chairman Berry's absence.

**HEARING ON SB 152**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 152, Extend sunset for outfitter assistants laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:52 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOAG)

00:03:55 Robin Cunningham, Montana Board of Outfitters

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:34 Sen. Smith

00:04:40 Chairman Salomon

00:06:54 Recessed.

00:13:28 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON SB 138**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:53 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 138, Give safe harbors for employers, schools, landlords for criminal rehabilitation.

**EXHIBIT(buh50a01)**

00:16:37 Rep. Lynch arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:08 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:21 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:50 Rep. Clark

00:28:11 Sen. Hoven

00:28:40 Rep. Lynch

00:29:11 Sen. Hoven

00:29:19 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice

00:30:19 Rep. Moore arrived.  
 00:31:40 Rep. Pope  
 00:32:22 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice  
 00:34:26 Rep. Pope  
 00:34:44 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice  
 00:34:59 Rep. Pope  
 00:35:40 Rep. Staffanson  
 00:36:16 Sen. Hoven  
 00:36:24 Rep. Lynch  
 00:37:22 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
 00:37:54 Rep. Ricci  
 00:38:09 Sen. Hoven

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:23 Sen. Hoven

**HEARING ON SB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:22 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 83, Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC.

00:48:21 Rep. Berry arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:23 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**EXHIBIT(buh50a02)**

00:50:55 Rep. Olsen arrived.

00:55:49 Dr. Jeremy Johnson, Self

01:02:48 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**EXHIBIT(buh50a03)**

01:04:41 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:05:52 Rep. Hunter  
 01:06:30 Chairman Salomon  
 01:06:38 Rep. Lang  
 01:06:44 Jesse Laslovich, SAO  
 01:07:28 Rep. Moore  
 01:08:14 Jesse Laslovich, SAO  
 01:08:51 Chairman Salomon  
 01:09:11 Jesse Laslovich, SAO  
 01:09:36 Rep. Curdy  
 01:09:59 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:38 Sen. Kaufmann

01:10:45 Chairman Salomon

01:12:49 Recessed.

01:14:12 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON HB 560**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:18 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 560, Revise fund structure and budgetary process for board of accountants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:17 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

[EXHIBIT\(buh50a04\)](#)

01:20:39 Dan Vuckovich, CPA, Montana Board of Public Accountants

[EXHIBIT\(buh50a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:29:06 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:52 Rep. Berry

01:30:19 Judy Bovington, DLI

01:30:33 Rep. Staffanson

01:31:06 Rep. Hertz

01:31:18 Rep. Staffanson

01:31:39 Rep. Hertz

01:31:55 Judy Bovington, DLI

01:32:15 Rep. Staffanson

01:32:28 Judy Bovington, DLI

01:32:50 Rep. Lang

01:33:13 Judy Bovington, DLI

01:33:26 Rep. Lang

01:33:35 Judy Bovington, DLI

01:33:44 Rep. Lang

01:33:50 Judy Bovington, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:14 Rep. Hertz

01:36:15 Rep. Berry took the gavel.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:38:00

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh50aad.pdf](#))